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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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1. ROMANIAN NEWS AGENCY (AGERPRESS) HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING
INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO ITEMS RAISED IN REFTEL:

A. CREDIT CARDS: AGERPRESS ACCEPTS PAYMENT ONLY OF
CREDIT CARDS RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION
(ITU). IN LIEU OF THIS, AGERPRESS REPRESENTATIVE WILLING PAY COSTS
AND SEND BILL DIRECTLY TO CORRESPONDENTS PRINCIPAL OFFICES. SINCE
CORRESPONDENTS WILL BE HOUSED IN INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, THEY CAN
HAVE CHARGES FOR TELEX AND TELEPHONE AT HOTEL PLACED DIRECTLY ON
HOTEL BILL AND UTILIZE FOLLOWING CARDS WITH MAXIMUM CHARGE LIMITATIONS

IN DOLLARS AS FOLLOWS: AMERICAN EXPRESS-\$500; DINERS CLUB-NO LIMIT;
CARTE-BLANCHE-\$75; BANK AMERICARD-\$120; BARCLAYS-\$120, CHARGEX-\$250.

B. COMMERCIAL FLIGHT FACT SHEET WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY.

C. TELEX, TELEPHOTO AND TELEPHONE LINES: AGERPRESS
HAS 4 TELEX LINES AND TWO TELEPHOTO LINES AVAILABLE FOR FILING
PURPOSES SHOULD WE NEED THEM. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL HAS FOUR
TELEX LINES, BUT NO TELEPHOTO LINES. COST FACTORS FOR AGERPRESS
TELEX IS 55.15 LET PER MINUTE, TELEPHOTO APPROX 72.70 LEI PER
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MINUTE. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL CHARGES 44.50 PER MINUTE FOR

TELEX, BUT ADDS 25 PERCENT SERVICE CHARGE TO THIS FIGURE. ANY TELEPHONE FILING IS BEST DONE FROM HOTEL WITH COST FACTOR OF 72.70 LEI PER MINUTE AND THREE MINUTE MINIMUM CHARGE OBLIGATORY PLUS 25 PERCENT SERVICE CHARGE. FOR THOSE CORRESPONDENTS FILING ITEMS AT AGERPRESS, TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO HEADQUARTERS SITE WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES FROM INTERCONTINENTAL. AGERPRESS REP HAS PROMISED ANY ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT CORRESPONDENTS ARE SERVICED.

D. TICKER SERVICE: AVAILABLE FROM AGERPRESS. COST DEPENDS UPON TRAVELING PRESS REQUIREMENTS. POST WILL ATTEMPT COMBINE DELIVERY OF TICKER ITEMS TO NEWSMEN WITH DELIVERY OF COPY TO S/S AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL B, 4,C. SINCE VISIT OCCURS ON SUNDAY NIGHT/MONDAY MORNING, THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO USIA WIRELESS FILE AVAILABLE, UNLESS USIA IS PLANNING SPECIAL FILE.

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